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HOLIDAY TRAIN AND POINSETTIA, ART SHOWS OPENING THIS WEEKEND AT INDY PARKS

Conservatory Crossing Returns to Garfield Park; Perry Park Offers Special Public Skate

INDIANAPOLIS – (Nov. 25, 2009) With plenty of activities and locations to choose from, Indy Parks is your destination for holiday and winter fun! Check out these planned activities and programs at Indy Parks, or just find time to venture outside for some cool weather recreation! For park locations and family center hours, visit www.indyparks.org or call 327-PARK. This weekend offers holiday events and grand openings of several interactive exhibits that continue into December and January.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 27

“Skate Your Turkey Off” Public Skate

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Perry Park Ice Rink, 451 E. Stop 11 Road.

Cost: Free for ages 2 and under; \$4 for ages 3-17; \$5 for ages 18 and older. Skate Rental: \$2.

Conservatory Crossing: Holiday Train and Poinsettia Show

Grand Opening Nov. 27; event continues through Dec. 27.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with extended hours until 8 p.m. Dec. 19 through Dec. 23.

Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive.

Cost: Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and youth, or \$5 for families.

Conservatory Crossing returns to transform the Garfield Park Conservatory into a winter wonderland. Thanks to support from Indiana Rail Road Company employees, visitors will enjoy G-scale model trains, train villages, lights and more, set amid a brilliant display of poinsettias! Thousands of twinkling lights creates an enchanting holiday atmosphere.



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Saturday, Nov. 28

Opening Reception for Open Studio Showcase and New Art Works Exhibit by christopher w smock

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive

Cost: Free.

Open Studio Showcase

Participants in the GPAC's Wednesday and Thursday Open Studio sessions present their best works in the Main Gallery. Ceramics, jewelry, drawings and paintings created by dozens of artists demonstrating a wide degree of styles and levels of experience will be on display. Take part in hands-on creative family activities on Saturdays and Sundays. Continues through Jan. 24 regular GPAC hours; free admission.

New Art Works Exhibit by christopher w smock

New Art Works by christopher w smock will be on display at the GPAC through Jan. 24. The pieces created by Indianapolis award-winning artist Christopher W. Smock represent a wildly diverse range of media and styles. Realism and abstract ideals mix to find a new path in color for this artist and the viewers of this show. Open regular GPAC hours; free admission

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Holiday Nature Crafts

4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive.

Open to ages 7-13.

Cost: \$4.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Christmas at Garfield Park

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Drive.

Cost: Admission is free; minimal fee for photos.

Bring the whole family to visit the Conservatory to meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing. Travel to the Garfield Park Arts Center to make toys with Santa's elves. Head to the Burrello Family Center to meet Mrs. Claus and enjoy some holiday treats.

Friday, Dec. 18

Candlelight Crossing

6 to 8 p.m. Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive.

Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 for a family

Enjoy the holiday train and poinsettia show during an evening reception with holiday treats. Take time from the hustle and bustle to relax with a cup of tea and enjoy the warmth and beauty of the festively decorated tropical Conservatory!

Indy Parks 2010 Winter/Spring Fun Guides will be available at all Family Centers and at www.indyparks.org beginning Dec. 7, 2009. Registration for winter/spring classes begins Dec. 11.

Bike Indy. Run Indy. Swim Indy.
PLAY INDY!

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